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situation at Grand Island, at Columbus, and at Hastings. Other places school district boundaries do not necessarily follow the city boundaries. So under the situation that we currently have under the current law, if one of these cities expands its city boundaries, then automatically the school district follows that city boundary. Now if that were to happen, there wouldn't be any Westside because Omaha would be included there. You would just have Omaha as one school district. We don't have that in that area. We don't have it in a lot of other areas. There is no logical reason why we should have it in this one situation which involves these three cities. It is really an anachronism, whatever that word is, and it is not logical that we have it in this one situation. Senator Kremer has tried to correct the situation. The Education Committee, in my opinion, has erred in not advancing the bill. We should correct what is an inequity in the situation. We should let those schools live outside of those three towns. I support Senator Kremer's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think it is important for this Legislature to have some of the facts in this matter, probably the most important of which is the valuation per pupil in each of the two districts. The Northwest High School district, the one that is outside of the city limits has an enrollment of 1,497 people. Their valuation per pupil is \$157,095. The valuation in the city school district, there are 6,163 students, the valuation per pupil is \$103,266. In other words, there is better than \$50,000 more valuation per pupil in the district outside of the city than in the city. I don't see how anybody could say there is an emergency or there is a need when you have that kind of valuation per pupil. Number two, you need to understand some of the history behind the Class VI schools. I think you need to recognize that when the Class VI school came into existence the mill levy out at Northwest High was 28.58. In the city it was 61.5. So immediately people started to move out of the city, started building houses out in the Northwest High area to the point where we have a population of about 5,000 people outside the city limits. Now why did they move out there? Because it was cheaper to live out there as far as the taxes were concerned. Now what has happened? Finally when they got the kids and have to educate them, now the mill levy in Grand Island is 32.91 and out in Northwest it is 36.43, and we finally get to the point where they are paying their fair share of the taxes and that is really what the argument is all about. So what I submit to you is that